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Hawaii's Only Air Force Privatized Housing Project To Deliver First New Homes Dec. 9 -- *Six Months Ahead Of Schedule*

HONOLULU -- Air Force housing privatization officials and families at Hickam AFB witness the first new privatized homes delivered more than 6 months ahead of schedule at a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at Hickam.

Air Force leadership at Hickam AFB, Senator Daniel K. Akaka, City Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, and other distinguished guests are scheduled to attend the event. The event marks the delivery of larger homes for Air Force families less than nine months after the demolition ceremonies ushered in a 50-year construction, renovation, operations, and maintenance lease arrangement by the Air Force and Actus Lend Lease, LLC. (Note: Families will be on hand at the ceremony. Representatives from each of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation will also be in attendance.)

Media interested in covering this event should call 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs at 449-6367.

Hickam Community Housing LLC (HCH) is a project company created through a 50-year lease agreement between the Air Force and Actus Lend Lease resulting from the Military Housing Privatization Initiative of 1996. HCH will develop, build, renovate, finance, and manage 1,356 homes for the next 50 years, comprising 51 percent of the homes on base. Hickam AFB is home to the 15th Airlift Wing, whose 2006 inventory of C-17 heavy transport aircraft will serve the entire Pacific Theater. About Actus: With more than 30,000 homes in its portfolio, Actus Lend Lease has created and built sustainable, integrated communities on some of the nation's largest military bases. Among these are: Parris Island, S.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Fort Drum, N.Y. Actus, part of Lend Lease Communities, is a subsidiary of the Lend Lease global family, which includes Bovis and Delfin Lend Lease. Actus Lend Lease is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn. Actus Lend Lease employs more than 400 people nationwide.